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Department of Child Support Services

Plans of Cooperation Rulemaking

R-10-02-E

FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The basis for emergency adoption of these regulations is as follows:

Family Code, Section 17306(e)(2), states in relevant part:

"The department may adopt regulations to implement this division in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The adoption of any emergency regulation filed with the Office of Administrative Law on or before January 1, 2003, shall be deemed to be an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety or general welfare. These emergency regulation shall remain in effect for no more than 180 days."

INFORMATIVE DIGEST AND POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW:

State law at Section 17304(a), Family Code, requires the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements with the local child support agencies to carry out the requirements of the state plan and provide services relating to the establishment of paternity or the establishment, modification, or enforcement of child support obligations as required pursuant to Section 654 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

State law at Section 10081, Welfare and Institutions Code further requires an annual automation cooperation agreement to facilitate pass through of federal funding for automation of child support services at the local level. The annual automation cooperation agreement is included as part of the cooperative agreement required by Section 17304(a), Family Code.

Federal regulations at 45 CFR Section 303.107 list a number of provisions which are federally required to be included in the Section 17304(a), Family Code cooperative agreement.

This emergency rulemaking implements, interprets or makes specific the state and federal laws and regulations cited above and makes the following changes to Title 22, California Code of Regulations:

Chapter 1. Program Administration.

Section 110411 was adopted to define the term "Local Plan of Cooperation". This concept must be distinguished from the related term "State/County Plan of Cooperation" adopted in Section 110625. While the State/County Plan of Cooperation is statutorily required to be adopted, the Local Plan of Cooperation is permitted under limitations specified at Section 111210.

Section 110625 was adopted to define the term "State/County Plan of Cooperation". This is an essential concept for this rulemaking.

Section 111110 was adopted to specify the minimum components of the State/County Plan of Cooperation. This establishes a framework to facilitate consistent content of these State/County Plans of Cooperation statewide and year to year.

Section 111120 was adopted to specify the administrative requirements surrounding the required State/County Plans of Cooperation. Administrative issues include, duration, renewal, amendment, signature, deadline, and potential consequences for failing to meet these administrative requirements.

Section 111210 was adopted to specify the limited circumstances under which a local child support agency is authorized to subcontract the local child support agency's responsibilities under a State/County Plan of Cooperation to other county agencies by entering into Local Plans of Cooperation.

Section 111220 was adopted to specify the minimum components of a Local Plan of Cooperation. This establishes a framework to facilitate the consistent content of Local Plans of Cooperation statewide and year to year.

Section 111230 was adopted to specify the process by which the Department shall handle the approval of Local Plans of Cooperation.

Department of Social Services, Manual of Policies and Procedures, Sections 12-000, 12-003, and APPENDIX I have been repealed because the regulatory provisions previously contained in those sections have been modified and relocated to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations by this rulemaking.

AUTHORITY: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code.

REFERENCE: Section 17304, Family Code; Section 10081, Welfare and Institutions Code; and 45 CFR, Section 303.107.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATE:

- A. Fiscal Effect on Local Government: None.
- B. Cost or Savings to Any State Agency: None.
- C. Cost or Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- D. Other Nondiscretionary Costs or Savings Imposed on Local Agencies: None.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION:

The Department had determined that the regulations would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ALL COST IMPACTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME THE EMERGENCY ACTION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW THAT A REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS WOULD NECESSARILY INCUR IN REASONABLE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROPOSED ACTION:

The Agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

The Department has made an initial determination that the regulations would not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. These regulations make technical clarifying changes moving existing requirements from the Dept. of Social Services' Manual of Policies and Procedures to the new Dept. of Child Support Services regulations located in 22 CCR, Division 13.

The Department has determined that the regulations would not significantly affect the following:

- (1) The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
- (2) The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

(3) The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

The Department has determined that the regulations would not affect small businesses. Small business would not be required to comply with or enforce these regulations nor are they expected to incur either benefits or detriments from them.

IMPACT ON HOUSING COSTS:

The Department has determined that the regulations will have no impact on housing costs.

(1) Adopt Section 110411 to read as follows:

§110411. Local Plan of Cooperation.

"Local Plan of Cooperation" means a cooperative agreement between a local child support agency and another county agency that coordinates their respective roles and delineates responsibilities for establishing paternity, establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support, spousal support, and medical support, or otherwise carrying out the requirements of Title IV-D.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code.

Reference: Section 17304, Family Code.

(2) Adopt Section 110625 to read as follows:

§110625. State/County Plan of Cooperation.

"State/County Plan of Cooperation" means the cooperative agreement between the Department and each local child support agency that identifies the local child support agency's roles and responsibilities for establishing paternity, establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support, spousal support, and medical support, or otherwise carrying out the requirements of Title IV-D.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code.

Reference: Section 17304, Family Code.

(3) Adopt Section 111110 to read as follows:

TITLE 22. Social Security

DIVISION 13. Department of Child Support Services

Chapter 1. Program Administration.

Subchapter 1. Operations.

Article 3. Plans of Cooperation.

§111110. Components of State/County Plan of Cooperation.

- (a) The Department shall annually develop and enter into a State/County Plan of Cooperation with each local child support agency.
- (b) The State/County Plan of Cooperation shall set forth the local child support agency's responsibilities for administering Title IV-D services and carrying out the state plan, including, but not limited to, locating custodial and non-custodial parents, establishment of paternity, the establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support and medical support orders, enforcement of spousal support orders, collection and distribution of child support, and the preparation of reports and maintenance of records
- (c) The State/County Plan of Cooperation shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:
- (1) A clear description of the specific duties, functions, and responsibilities of each party.

- (2) Clear and definite standards of performance the local child support agency must meet.
- (3) A specific statement that the parties will comply with Title IV-D, implementing federal regulations and any other applicable state and federal laws, regulations and requirements.
 - (4) The financial arrangements between the parties.
- (5) A description of records that shall be maintained and the methods that will be employed to safeguard these records as required by Article 5 of Subchapter 1 of this chapter relating to records management.
- (6) A statement of the specific dates on which the State/County

 Plan of Cooperation begins and ends.
- (7) A statement describing any conditions for revision or renewal, and the circumstances under which the State/County Plan of Cooperation may be terminated.
- (d) The State/County Plan of Cooperation shall also include the Annual Automation Cooperation Agreement between the Department and the local child support agency specifying the responsibilities, activities, milestones, and consequences in regard to automation, as specified in Section 10081 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (e) The State/County Plan of Cooperation may also include special contract provisions detailing the responsibility of the local child support agency for carrying out new initiatives or programs defined by the Department or

necessary to address the need for program improvement by a local child support agency.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code.

Reference: Section 17304, Family Code; Section 10081, Welfare and Institutions
Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 303.107.

- (4) Adopt Section 111120 to read as follows:
- §111120. General Requirements of State/County Plans of Cooperation.
- (a) The State/County Plan of Cooperation shall be one year in duration, commencing at the start of the state fiscal year, and shall be subject to renewal or amendment as necessary to reflect new or revised state and federal laws, regulations, and requirements. Failure of the parties to amend the State/County Plan of Cooperation to reflect new or revised state and federal laws and regulations does not relieve the local child support agency of the responsibility to act in accordance with those laws, regulations, and requirements.
- (b) The State/County Plan of Cooperation shall be signed by the director of the local child support agency and returned to the Department by the commencement of the state fiscal year.
- (c) Failure to sign and return the State/County Plan of Cooperation by
 the start of each state fiscal year may result in the withholding of part or all of the state
 or federal funds, including incentive funds, or other compliance actions authorized by
 state or federal law, regulation or policy.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code.

Reference: Sections 17304, Family Code; 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 303.107.

- (5) Adopt Section 111210 to read as follows:
- §111210. Authority.
- (a) Each local child support agency shall have the authority to enter into a Local Plan of Cooperation with other county agencies, with approval by the Department, to assist in carrying out the local child support agency's responsibilities under the State/County Plan of Cooperation.
- (b) When a local child support agency, through a Local Plan of

 Cooperation, delegates responsibility to provide child support services to another

 county agency that is not a local child support agency, the local child support

 agency shall retain responsibility and accountability to the Department for

 operating, supervising, managing, or overseeing Title IV-D functions of the local

 child support agency under the provisions of the Local Plan of Cooperation.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code. Reference: Section 17304, Family Code.

- (6) Adopt Section 111220 to read as follows:
- §111220. Requirements of Local Plan of Cooperation.
- (a) Each Local Plan of Cooperation shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:
- (1) A clear description of the specific duties, functions, and responsibilities of each party.
- (2) Clear and definite standards of performance the county agency that is entering into the Local Plan of Cooperation with the local child support agency must meet.
- (3) A specific statement that the parties shall comply with all state and federal laws, regulations and requirements relative to the subject of the Local Plan of Cooperation.
 - (4) The financial arrangements between the parties.
- (5) A description of records that shall be maintained and the methods that will be employed to safeguard these records as required by Article 5 of Subchapter 1 of this chapter relating to records management.
- (6) A statement of the specific dates on which the Local Plan of Cooperation begins and ends.
- (7) A statement describing any conditions for termination, and revision or renewal upon written agreement of both parties, including a statement that any provision of the Local Plan of Cooperation which conflicts with new or revised state and federal laws, regulations, and requirements, shall be deemed to be amended consistent with those laws, regulations, and requirements.

- (8) Provisions for effective monitoring of the other county agency's performance under the Local Plan of Cooperation, including, but not limited to:
 - (A) Periodic meetings between parties.
 - (B) On-site review by the local child support agency.
 - (C) Records review.
- (9) Provisions for corrective action when review of the other county agency's contract performance indicates a deficiency in performance.
- (b) A Local Plan of Cooperation shall not exceed three years in duration, subject to annual review and approval by the Department to ensure ongoing consistency with the State/County Plan of Cooperation.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code.

Reference: Section 17304, Family Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations,
Section 303.107.

- (7) Adopt Section 111230 to read as follows:
- §111230. Approval of Local Plan of Cooperation.
- (a) A local child support agency shall submit any Local Plan of Cooperation to the Department for review and approval.
- (1) Within 60 days of receipt of a Local Plan of Cooperation from the local child support agency, the Department shall either approve the Local Plan of Cooperation or notify the agency that the Local Plan of Cooperation is denied.
- (2) If the Department fails to respond in writing within 60 days of receipt of a Local Plan of Cooperation, the Local Plan of Cooperation shall be deemed approved.
- (3) If the local child support agency is notified that the Local

 Plan of Cooperation is denied, the agency may submit a revised Local Plan of

 Cooperation to the Department for further consideration.
- (b) The Department shall review a Local Plan of Cooperation for appropriateness, necessity, and cost reasonableness.
- (c) Costs associated with a Local Plan of Cooperation must be approved as part of the budget process.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 17306, 17310 and 17312, Family Code. Reference: Section 17304, Family Code.

(8) Repeal Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 12-000 as follows:

12-000 GENERAL STATEMENT

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Pursuant to Public Law 93-647 as amended by Public Law 94-88, the Department of Social Services has been designated the single state agency to administer the Child Support Enforcement Program (Title IV-D of the Social Security Act). Regulations governing the functions of the county welfare department with respect to the child support program are to be found in Division 43 of the EAS Manual. A Plan of Cooperation has been developed and executed with each county which delegates certain functions of the program to local district attorney offices. The purpose of such plan is to establish responsibilities and guidelines for an effective program for the securing of financial support. Including, but not limited to, identification and location of absent parents, determination of paternity of children born out of wedlock, determination of the absent parents' ability to support their minor children, establishment and enforcement of child support, establishment and enforcement of medical support, and enforcement of existing spousal support obligations when enforced in conjunction with a child support obligation.

HANDBOOK ENDS HERE

(9) Repeal Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 12-003 as follows:

12-003 PLAN OF COOPERATION (STATE)

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The Plan of Cooperation mentioned above generally contains provisions regarding the responsibilities of the State Department of Social Services.

.1 through .8 repealed per Manual Letter No. CS-91-03, effective 10/1/91.

The responsibilities of the district attorneys are also contained in the Plan of Cooperation. A model plan is found in Appendix I of this chapter.

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(10) Repeal Manual of Policies and Procedures APPENDIX I as follows:

APPENDIX I
PLAN OF COOPERATION
PURPOSE
This Plan of Cooperation is entered into between theCounty District Attorney, hereinafter referred to as the "District Attorney", and the California State Department of Social Services, hereinafter referred to as the "Department". The purpose of the Plan is to identify each agency's respective efforts and responsibilities relating to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act for securing support and determining paternity, hereinafter referred to as "Title IV-D."
The Plan establishes responsibilities and guidelines for all appropriate administrative and casework functions required by Federal regulations and State laws. These functions include, but are not limited to: locating absent parents; determining paternity of children born out of wedlock; determining the ability of parents to support their minor children; establishing child support obligations; modifying existing child and spousal support orders; establishing, enforcing, and modifying orders to obtain medical support; collection and distribution of child support monies; and maintaining records and preparing reports in compliance with State and Federal laws and California's Title IV-D State Plan.
CONFIDENTIALITY

The use of disclosure of information concerning applicants and recipients will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the State Plan for establishing paternity and establishing, enforcing, and modifying child support obligations pursuant to Federal and State laws and regulations. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the release of information obtained in connection with establishing eligibility; determining amounts of assistance; identifying and locating putative or deserting parents; establishing paternity; enforcing support obligation; investigating welfare fraud; and any investigation, prosecution or criminal or civil proceeding, conducted in connection with the administration of the State Plan. No information which identifies any applicant or recipient of public assistance by name or address shall be disclosed to any committee or legislative body.

ORGANIZATION

The Department of Social Services is the single-organizational unit whose duty is to administer, supervise and monitor the Title IV-D State Plan. The Department is responsible and accountable for the statewide operation of the Title IV-D Program. The Department shall take such steps as are provided by laws and regulations to ensure that Title IV-D functions are carried out properly, efficiently and effectively.

The District Attorney shall maintain a single organizational unit which shall have responsibility for promptly, efficiently and effectively performing Title IV-D functions, and providing services to applicants and recipients, as delegated in this Plan.

The District Attorney may, upon approval of the Department, and as provided by Federal law, enter into cooperative arrangements with other county departments, to carry out his/her Title IV-D responsibilities under this Plan. (No Title IV-D functions may be delegated by District Attorney to other county departments if such functions are to be performed by caseworkers who are also performing assistance payments or social services functions under Title IV-A or XX of the Social Security Act.) The services of private vendors may also be utilized as permitted by State and Federal laws.

When delegating Title IV-D functions to public agencies or private vendors, the District Attorney shall retain overall responsibility and accountability for the execution of such services performed under cooperative arrangements or contract. The District Attorney shall ensure that all delegated Title IV-D functions are carried out properly, efficiently and effectively.

-----IV -----STANDARDS

The Department shall maintain an organizational structure and sufficient staff to efficiently and effectively administer and supervise all of the functions for which it is responsible under the Title IV-D State Plan.

The District Attorney shall maintain an organizational structure and sufficient staff to efficiently and effectively accomplish all of the Title IV-D functions for which he/she is responsible under this Plan.

The District Attorney shall maintain the following types of staff in sufficient numbers to achieve the standards for an effective program: (1) attorneys or prosecutors to represent the agency in court, at hearings or administrative proceedings with respect to the Title IV-D program and (2) other personnel such as legal, interviewer, investigative, collection, accounting, clerical management, administrative, paralegal and other supportive staff.

-----V -------RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department shall have each of the following Title IV-D responsibilities:

- Use equitable standards that are mandatory throughout the State, to ensure that this Plan is continuously in operation by the District Attorney and all appropriate county agencies;
- (2) Ensure that the Title IV-D State Plan is amended as required to reflect new or revised Federal statutes or regulations or material changes in any phase of State law, organization, policy or state or county agency operation;
- (3) Prepare and actively pursue legislative proposals needed to conform State laws to Federal Title IV-D laws and regulations;
- (4) Develop directives and regulations informing the District Attorney and appropriate county agencies of State and Federal policies, standards, procedures and instructions relative to administration of the Title IV-D Program, including providing essential, short term training to county staff as necessary;
- (5) Develop, implement and/or maintain, as appropriate, State-level systems and methods for locating absent parents and collecting support payments, including tax intercept systems, unemployment, state disability insurance, and worker's compensation intercept systems, parent locator services, credit reporting, etc.;
- (6) Prepare, maintain, publish and distribute a brochure describing the Title IV-D Program and to publicize the availability of support services through a variety of methods, including public service announcements, posters, etc.;
- (7) Ensure that the county welfare agency provides all reasonable assistance necessary to permit the District Attorney to meet State and Federal standards for program performance;
- (8) Make available to the District Attorney a list of laboratories within the State that perform legally and medically acceptable genetic testing of blood or other tissue, which tend to identify the father or exclude the putative father from paternity.
- (9) Request Federal exemption from the expedited process requirements for the District Attorney when a request is submitted which qualifies based on timeliness and effectiveness.
- (10) Establish systems and procedures to facilitate the District Attorney's claiming, and the Department's payment, of State and Federal incentives and Federal matching funds;
- (11) Allocate and distribute incentive payments to the District Attorney as may be required when more than one county within the State is involved in the enforcement of collections:
- (12) Review, evaluate and monitor electronic data processing efforts undertaken by the District Attorney, including reviewing, planning and procurement documents, and granting/denying approval, making recommendations for Federal approval and/or

- returning for revision or correction as needed, as described in Division 28 of the Department's Manual of Operations;
- (13) Monitor and evaluate operations by the District Attorney;
- (14) Apply such penalties to the District Attorney for unmet audit criteria or performance related criteria as specified in Federal regulations;
- (15) To withhold funds to the District Attorney for any period, as applicable, until complete and accurate financial and statistical reports are received by each report's specified due date, unless the Department determines that good cuse, defined as circumstances beyond the District Attorney's control exists;
- (16) To maintain and update the Department's Title IV-D Child and Spousal Support Program Procedure Manual as required by changes in Federal and State laws, regulations and policies; and,
- (17) To invoke the actions required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11475.2 if the Director of the Department considers any public agency to be failing in a substantial manner to comply with a Title IV-D State Plan requirement.

— VI — DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The District Attorney shall have each of the following Title IV-D responsibilities:

- (1) Comply with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; comply with the Federal regulations which implement Title IV-D; and with any other applicable Federal regulations and requirements;
- (2) Comply with State statutes and regulations applicable to the Administration of the Title IV-D program and the State Plan; and comply with the directives issued by the Department regarding Federal and State law, policies, standards, procedures, and instructions relative to the administration of the Title IV-D program and State Plan;
- (3) Provide Title IV-D support services without charge to any individual, agency, or institution that makes application for such services;
- (4) Implement the Department's Title IV-D Child and Spousal Support Program Procedure Manual, update/develop county issued procedures to supplement the procedure manual as needed, and distribute appropriate sections to each employee performing Title IV-D functions;
- (5) Establish a Title IV-D case record to include all relevant information necessary for proper and efficient case processing in accordance with 45 CFR 303.2;
- (6) Unless a Federal exemption from expedited process regulations has been obtained through the Department, enter into an agreement with the Superior Court for an expedited process;

- (7) Delay investigation and any other actions on a Title IV-D case upon notification by the county welfare department that a child is being considered for adoption, until notified by the county welfare department that the adoption is no longer under consideration;
- (8) Review, comment and make recommendations on good cause findings made by the county welfare agency;
- (9) Not undertake establishing (including paternity) or enforcement action in a Title IV-D-case, or to suspend all such efforts, if there has been a finding of good cause, unless the county welfare agency determines that child support services may proceed without the participation of the caretaker relative;
- (10) Attempt to quarterly locate all absent parents when their location is unknown, including to:
 - (a) Use appropriate local locate sources such as officials and employees administering public assistance, general assistance, medical assistance, food stamps and social services; relatives and friends of the absent parent; current or past employers; the local telephone company; the United States Postal Services; financial references, unions, and fraternal organizations; and police, parole and probation records;
 - (b) Use the California Parent Locator Service located in the Department of Justice, in accordance with instructions and guidelines, and in such format, as may be prescribed by that agency to access other information sources, including the Federal Parent Locator Service when requesting other States to undertake location activities;
- (11) Undertake efforts to establish paternity for any child in a Title IV-D case that is under the age of 18 and was either: 1) born out of wedlock or 2) born during a marriage, but paternity is being disputed, including administering a paternity questionnaire; securing a stipulation or court order establishing paternity; and investigating and developing evidence through the use of pre-trial depositions, blood and HLA tests, and polygraph tests, when necessary, except that no polygraph tests shall be administered to any applicant or recipient of public assistance without written notice to, and written consent from, the applicant/recipient;
- (12) Undertake efforts to establish child support obligations for any child in a Title IV-D case for whom one has not been previously established. This activity includes, but is not limited to, obtaining and/or preparing income and expense declarations; computing support awards using the statewide standard; and securing a stipulation or order for current support and reimbursement of public assistance, including provisions for wage assignments;

- (13) For all Title IV-D cases with a court ordered child and/or medical support obligation, identify those cases in which there is a failure to comply with the support obligation and take timely and appropriate enforcement action as required by State laws and Federal regulations to obtain payment of the current support and any arrearages, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Income withholding;
 - (b) All intercept, match, and notification systems operated by the Department, including those for intercepting State and Federal tax refunds, unemployment insurance benefits, etc.;
 - (c) Liens against real or personal property;
 - (d) Criminal and/or civil contempt proceedings;
 - (e) Garnishment-proceedings;
 - (f) Require an obligor to give security, post a bond, or give some other guarantee to secure payment of support;
 - (g) Make information regarding the amount of overdue support owed by an obligor available to consumer reporting agencies and participate in the Child Support Credit Reporting System;
- (14) Enforce health insurance provisions in all new or modified court orders in Title IV-D cases as required by State laws and Federal regulations and to notify the Department of Health of any such orders in Title IV-D AFDC cases that include a medical support obligation;
- (15) Review and seek modifications of support obligations periodically, using the Department's criteria for both child support and medical support, whenever the District Attorney becomes aware of changes in the factors which determine the amount of support obligations or at the absent/custodial parent's request;
- (16) Collect spousal support in conjunction with child support payments;
- (17) Utilize reciprocal arrangements adopted with other California counties and other States to assist in processing Title IV-D cases;
- (18) Refer Title IV-D cases to the appropriate agency of another California county or another state when necessary, and provide such agency sufficient information to act on the case, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) The AFDC or non-AFDC status of the child(ren) and any changes in status;
 - (b) The amount of the monthly assistance payment and the amount of unreimbursed assistance, if any;
 - (c) Any other information as may be requested or required;

- (19) When another State has failed to initiate timely enforcement action, and in accordance with Federal regulations, submit a request to the California Attorney General, in a form and manner prescribed by that office, asking for permission to utilize a United States District Court to enforce the order in an eligible Title IV-D case;
- (20) When all reasonable collection efforts and mechanisms have failed, and in accordance with Federal regulations, to submit a request to the California Attorney General, in a manner and format prescribed by that office, asking that the Title IV-D case be forwarded to the United States Treasury Department for collection;
- (21) For all Title IV-D cases with a court-ordered obligation or voluntary payment agreement, establish and maintain records to allow all collections to be accurately and completely documented, monitored, tracked and disbursed, such as accounting, disbursement and/or distribution (AFDC cases only) records in accordance with Division 25, Section 900-925, of the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures, including but not limited to:
 - (a) A completed CS-831 Collection Accounts Receivable form, or a Department approved substitute, showing a history of all of the assigned and unassigned support collections made on the account, including receipt date and the receipt number;
 - (b) A completed CS 278M Child and Spousal Support Transmittal, or a Department approved substitute, for each assigned support collection that has been received on the account showing how the amount was disbursed and distributed; and,
 - (c) A completed CS 278L Child and Spousal Support Case History and List of Authorization form, or a Department approved substitute, summarizing the information contained on the CS 278M forms and showing the total amount of unreimbursed assistance remaining on the case;
- (22) Report the following information on Title IV-D cases to the County welfare department on a timely basis:
 - (a) Collection or other information that is necessary to the determination and redetermination of eligibility; and,
 - (b) Instances in which the AFDC applicant/recipient has failed to cooperate in Title IV-D activity as required by Federal and State statutes and regulations;
- (23) Annually, notify current and former AFDC recipients, who have assigned their support rights, of amounts of assigned support collections made during the previous year and indicating the amount of support collected that was forwarded to the family;
- (24) Compile and maintain complete and accurate financial and statistical information and data, and submit such information and data in a manner which meets State

and Federal requirements as specified below. Complete reports are defined as reports in which all line items contain all applicable information required by the Department (refer to Department's Fiscal Manual, Division 25);

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Form #	Form Name	Due Date
CS-356	IV-D Child Support Expenditures and Certification	——12th working day after the end of the quarter
CS 800	Summary Report of Child and Spousal Support Payments	8th working day of month following the month of distribution
CS-820	Child/Spousal Support Collections Summary Report	15th working day after the month of distribution
CS-825A	Monthly Accounts Receivable Report	—— 15th working day after the end of the month
CS-825B	Annual Point in Time Report of Counts	——15th-working day of ——October
CS-850	Monthly Statistical Report on Child Enforcement Activities	15th working day after the end of the month

- (25) Investigate, or refer to the Special Investigative Unit of the county welfare department, cases of suspected welfare fraud;
- (26) Make all Title IV-D records maintained under this plan available for review and/or audit by authorized Federal, State and county officials;
- (27) Develop and implement a corrective action plan, acceptable to the Department and/or the Federal Government, for any noncompliance finding identified in any Federal or State audit or State program review;
- (28) Provide reasonable and essential training to full and part-time staff, for which the costs shall be reimbursed in accordance with applicable State and Federal law;
- (29) Obtain prior approval for all electronic data processing feasibility, development, implementation, maintenance and enhancement/modification projects, and related costs, as required by State regulations contained in Division 28 of the Department's Manual of Operations; and

(30) Distribute on a flow basis the Department's Title IV-D Program brochure to requesters and quarterly undertake an outreach program to inform the public that Title IV-D services are available to non-AFDC applicants.
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The Department shall maintain an accounting system and supporting fiscal records adequate to assure that claims for Federal funds are made in accordance with applicable Federal requirements and shall retain such records as required by Federal regulations. The Department shall develop instructions in accordance with applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations for the preparation and submission of indirect cost rate proposals and claims for Federal funds. The Department shall distribute such instructions to the appropriate county agencies (Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures, Section 900-975).
The District Attorney shall maintain an accounting system and supporting fiscal records adequate to assure that claims for Federal funds are made in accordance with applicable Federal and State requirements and shall retain such records as required by Federal regulation. Unless a Federal waiver to the requirement has been obtained through the Department, the District Attorney shall have procedures which ensure that staff responsible for handling cash receipts of support payments do not participate in accounting functions that would permit them to conceal the misuse of such receipts in the accounting records.
The District Attorney shall maintain a copy of the County's approved countywide cost allocation plan on file which identifies and describes the methods and procedures the County has established for properly charging the costs of administration, services, and training activities, estimated costs, the basis used for allocating the various pools of costs to programs and activities, and such other information as is necessary to document the cost allocation methods and procedures. The countywide cost allocation plan and claims for Federal funds shall be prepared and submitted and shall contain the information and documentation specified in the instructions promulgated by the Department.
Reimbursement for services will be conditioned upon meeting the responsibilities contained in the agreement.
VIIIBONDING

The District Attorney shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) Ensure that every person who receives, disburses, handles, or has access to funds collected under the Title IV-D Program is covered by a bond against loss resulting from employee dishonesty;

- (2) Establish the bond in an amount which is sufficient to protect the county against loss from employee dishonesty;
- (3) Ensure compliance with these requirements by any other public or private agency with which a plan of cooperation or purchase of service agreement is established involving the cash handling and/or accounting function; and,

This bonding requirement may be satisfied by means of a self-bonding or self-insurance program which is adequate to cover any loss of child support funds from employee dishonesty. In such cases, the appropriate county official shall certify as follows:

"This county is self-bonded or self-insured for an amount which is adequate to cover any loss of child support funds from employee dishonesty."

These requirements do not reduce or limit the ultimate liability of the county IV-D agency for losses of child-support collections from the IV-D Program.

The Department and the District Attorney shall adhere to the following civil rights requirements:

(1) Purpose

The Title IV-D Program shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and other applicable Federal and State laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, political affiliation, religion, marital status, sex, or handicap. Administrative methods or procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discriminatory treatment or defeating the objectives of these laws are prohibited.

(2) Scope

The policies and procedures for effecting compliance with the applicable laws shall apply to the District Attorney and the Department administering the program covered by this Plan.

The District Attorney shall maintain assurances of compliance with any vendor, contractor, or other agency participating in this program through agreement with the District Attorney. The District Attorney shall not be required to make such assurances on behalf of county departments.

(3) Dissemination of Information

The District Attorney shall make available to applicants and other interested persons information regarding the provisions of this part and its applicability to the IV-D program. This information shall be made available in a manner necessary to apprise such persons of the protections against discrimination assured them by the Civil Rights Act. Posters on nondiscrimination supplied by the Department shall be posted prominently in all waiting rooms. The telephone number of the person in the agency responsible for investigating complaints shall be placed on the poster in the appropriate spot.

(4) - Discriminatory Practices Prohibited

No person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, political affiliation, religion, marital status, sex, or handicap in the program covered by this Plan. Methods of administration shall not be utilized which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating or substantially impairing accomplishments of the objectives of this part.

- (a) The District Attorney shall not subject any individual to segregation or separate treatment that is different from others on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, political affiliation, religion, marital status, sex, or handicap.
- (b) The employment practices of the District Attorney shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, political affiliation, religion, marital status, sex, or handicap where this would tend to subject applicants to discrimination in the IV-D program.
- (c) If a site or facility is to be located or relocated for the purposes of implementing this Plan, the District Attorney shall not make selections which have the effect of excluding applicants from this program or which would subject them to discrimination or which would substantially impair the accomplishment of the objectives of the Civil Rights laws.

(5) Corrective Action Requirements

In order to comply with the above, the District Attorney shall take positive steps to ensure that the program is not administered in a manner which discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, political affiliation, religion, marital status, sex, or handicap. This requires the District Attorney to analyze current practices to determine if any of these practices result in the unequal delivery of services to applicants and to take whatever measures are required to provide for equal delivery of services.

(6) Compliance Requirements

The Department shall cooperate with the District Attorney-in obtaining compliance with the provisions of this part and shall provide assistance and guidance to the District Attorney to help obtain voluntary compliance. The Department shall keep records so as to provide the Department of Health and Human Services with timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports.

(7) Accessibility of Facilities

- (a) The State Building Code, Title 24, Parts 2, 3, and 5, of the California Administrative Code, contains the regulations governing structural accommodations for handicapped persons in public facilities.
- (b) When public areas (reception, waiting room, interview booth), public restrooms, employee restrooms, and public drinking fountains are provided, they shall be accessible to handicapped persons and identified by the international symbol of accessibility in compliance with the State Building Code. When parking is provided to the general public, it shall be accessible to handicapped persons pursuant to local ordinance and/or the State Building Code.

(8) Program Accessibility

- (a) The District Attorney, with instructions and assistance provided by the Department, shall evaluate its practices and policies to ensure they do not discriminate on the basis of handicap.
- (b) The District Attorney shall ensure that the IV-D program is readily accessible to handicapped persons.
- (c) In choosing available methods for meeting the requirements of this section, the District Attorney shall give priority to those methods that offer programs and activities to handicapped persons in the most integrated setting appropriate.
- (d) In the event that strucutural modifications are required to provide program accessibility, they shall conform to Accessibility standards approved by the Office of the State Architect, pursuant to Title CXXIV of the California Administrative Code.
- (e) Where structural modifications are not practical, the agency shall provide services at an alternate accessible site.

(9) Auxiliary Aids

An agency shall provide auxiliary aids to persons with impaired hearing, speech, vision or manual skills where necessary to afford such persons an equal opportunity to benefit from aids or services. Auxiliary aids may include brailled and taped material, interpreters, teletypewriting machines and other effective aids for

persons with impaired hearing, speech, vision or manual skills. Compliance with this section can be accomplished through use of volunteer services from community organizations and individuals.

(10) Provisions of Services to Non-English Speaking Persons

The District Attorney shall take such steps as necessary to ensure that a sufficient number of bilingual, culturally aware employees are assigned to public contact positions serving a substantial number of non-English speaking persons. These employees shall have the language skills and cultural awareness necessary to communicate fully and effectively with non-English speaking persons.

- (a) For purposes of determining the required number of bilingual staff, a "substantial number" is defined as five percent or more.
- (b) The District Attorney shall provide for interpreters, as appropriate, on a temporary basis until a sufficient number of bilingual staff are available. Such interpreters shall have sufficient knowledge of the terminology used in the Child Support Enforcement Program.
- (c) Where appropriate, the District Attorney shall take whatever steps are necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section, including but not limited to: reassignment of current bilingual staff, language training programs, filling vacancies with bilingual, culturally aware employees, establishing a recruitment program that includes use of non-English media and other actions as necessary.
- (d) When the percentage of non-English speaking persons is less than five-percent, the District Attorney shall ensure that effective bilingual services are provided. This requirement may be met through utilization of paid interpreters, qualified bilingual employees, qualified employees of other agencies or community resources.
- (e) Applicants/recipients may provide their own interpreter; however, the District Attorney shall not require them to do so. Only under extenuating circumstances or at the specific request of the applicant/recipient shall the District Attorney allow a minor (under the age of 18 years) to act as an interpreter.
- (f) The District Attorney shall provide forms or other written material in the individual's primary language. When such forms or other written material contain spaces (other than "for agency use only") in which the District Attorney is to insert information, this inserted information shall also be in the individual's primary language.
- (g) Instructional and directional signs posted in the waiting areas and other places frequented by the public shall be translated into the appropriate non-English languages.

(11) Complaint Procedure

An individual may file a complaint alleging discriminatory treatment with the District Attorney or the Department or with the Department of Health and Human Services within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act unless extended by the Department or the Federal agency.

- (a) All complaints of discriminatory treatment received by the Department will be referred to the District Attorney for investigation.
- (b) The District Attorney will investigate complaints in accordance with the provisions in the Department publication "Guidelines for Conducting Discrimination Investigations".
- (c) The District Attorney shall not assign an employee to investigate a complaint involving any action taken by him/her or by any employee under his/her immediate supervision.
- (d) Any corrective action determined to be necessary as a result of a discrimination complaint shall be initiated within 60 calendar days following completion of the investigation.
- (e) The District Attorney and the Department are prohibited from intimidating, threatening, coercing or discriminating against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured under applicable laws or because he/she has made a complaint, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing under this part. Where possible, the identity of the complainant shall be kept confidential.
- (f) If after review of the complainant's appeal and the District Attorney's investigative report the Department determines that further investigation is warranted, the Department shall so inform the complainant and the District Attorney and refer the complaint to the California Attorney General for investigation within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.
- (g) After consultation with the California Attorney General, the Department shall either: (1) advise the complainant that the State's investigation agrees with the District Attorney's findings; or (2) meet with the Attorney General and District Attorney to attempt a voluntary resolution of the discrimination complaint.

(12) Procedure for Effecting Compliance

If there appears to be a failure or threatened failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement, and if the noncompliance cannot be corrected by informal means, compliance with this part will be effected by taking appropriate action in cooperation with the California Attorney General. Should the agency fail to comply with the requirements of this or any other part of this agreement, fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies may be invoked in accordance with Welfare and

Institutions Code Sections 10605 and 13 11135-39.	1475.1 or Government Code Section
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This Plan of Cooperation shall begin effective September 30, 1992. It shall be renewed upon to 2-years contingent upon written agreement of both	he same terms for additional periods of
This agreement may be amended by either party revised to meet changing Federal and State requirements	
Dated:	Vated:
District Attorney	Department of Social Services

STATE OF CALIFORNIA **ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(REGULATIONS AND ORDERS) See SAM Sections 6600-6680 for Instructions and Code Citations

STD, 399 (Rev. 2-98)		
Department Name Child Support Services	Contact Person (Program Contact Name) Gary Fujii-Budget	Telephone Number Phone Number (916) 464-5177
Descriptive Title From Notice	Register or Form 400	Notice File Number
Plans of Cooperation		R-10-02-E
	ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEM	ENT
A. ESTIMATED PRIVATE SE rulemaking file.)	CTOR COST IMPACTS (Include ca	lculations and assumptions in the
1. Check the appropriate	box(es) below to indicate whe	ther this regulation:
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☐ a. Impacts businesses and/or employees	☐ e. Imposes reporting requirements
☐ b. Impacts small businesses	☐ f. Imposes prescriptive instead of performance standards
☐ c. Impacts jobs or occupations	☐ g. Impacts individuals
☐ d. Impacts California competitiveness	☑ h. None of the above (Explain below. Complete for Fiscal Impact Statement as appropriate).

h. (cont.)

These regulations interpret, implement and make specific existing state and federal law related to Plans of Cooperation between the state Department of Child Support Services and a local child support agency, as well as between a local child support agency and another county agency.

(If any box in Items a. through g. is checked complete this Economic Impact Statement)

2. Enter the total number of businesses impacted:

Describe the types of businesses (include nonprofits): Enter the number or percentage of total businesses impacted that are small businesses:

3. Enter the number of businesses that will be created: eliminated: Expl.	lain
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	Indicate the geographic extent of impacts: ☐ Statewide ☐ Local or regional (list areas). Enter the number of jobs created: or eliminated: Describe the types of jobs or occupations impacted:
6.	Will the regulation affect the ability of California businesses to compete with other states by making it more costly to produce goods or services here? ☐ Yes ☐ No
В.	ESTIMATED COSTS (Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking file).
1.	What are the total statewide costs that businesses and vendors may incur to comply with this regulation over its lifetime?
	 a. Initial costs for a small business: Annual ongoing costs: b. Initial costs for a typical business: Annual ongoing costs: c. Initial costs for an individual: Annual ongoing costs: d. Describe other economic costs that may occur:
2.	If multiple industries are impacted, enter the share of total costs for each industry:
3.	If the regulation imposes reporting requirements, enter the annual costs a typical business may incur to comply with these requirements (include the dollar amounts to do record keeping, reporting, and other paperwork, whether or not the paperwork must be submitted).
4.	Will this regulation directly impact housing costs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, enter the annual dollar cost per housing unit \$ and the number of units:
5.	Are there comparable Federal regulations? ☐ Yes ☐ No Explain the need for State regulation given the existence or absence of Federal regulations:
C.	ESTIMATED BENEFITS (Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking file)
1.	Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:

2.	Are the benefits the result of: □ specific statutory requirements, or □ goals developed by the agency based on broad statutory authority? Explain:
3.	What are the total statewide benefits from this regulation over its lifetime?
D. file	ALTERNATIVES TO THE REGULATION (Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking).
1.	List alternatives considered and describe them below. If no alternatives were considered, explain why not.
2.	Summarize the total statewide costs and benefits from this regulation and each alternative considered:
	Regulation: Benefit: Cost Alternative 1: Benefit: Cost Alternative 2: Benefit: Cost
3.	Briefly discuss any quantification issues that are relevant to a comparison of estimated costs and benefits for this regulation or alternatives:
4.	Rulemaking law requires agencies to consider performance standards as an alternative if a regulation mandates the use of specific technologies or equipment, or prescribes specific actions or procedures. Were performance standards considered to lower compliance costs?
	□ Yes □ No
Ex	plain:
MA	AJOR REGULATIONS (Include calculations and assumptions in the rulemaking file)
1.	Will the estimated costs of this regulation to California business enterprises exceed \$10 million? \square Yes \square No (If no, skip the rest of this section)
	Briefly describe each equally as effective alternatives, or combination of alternatives, which a cost-effectiveness analysis was performed:

Alternative 1: Alternative 2:				
3. For the regulation, and each alternative just described, enter the estimated total cost and overall cost-effectiveness ratio:				
Regulation: \$ Cost-effectiveness ratio: Alternative 1: \$ Cost-effectiveness ratio: Alternative 2: \$ Cost-effectiveness ratio:				
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT				
A. FISCAL EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Indicate appropriate boxes 1. through 6. and attach calculations and assumptions of fiscal impact for the current year and two subsequent years.)				
1.Additional expenditures of approximately \$ in the current State Fiscal Year which are reimbursable by the State pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution and Sections 17500 et seq. of the Government Code. Funding for this reimbursement:				
 a. is provided in (Item Budget Act of) or (Chapter, Statutes of _) b. will be requested in the Governor's Budget for appropriation in Budget Act of 				
2. Additional expenditures of approximately \$ in the current State Fiscal Year which are not reimbursable by the State pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution and Sections 17500 et seq. of the Government Code because this regulation:				
a. implements the Federal mandate contained in				
b. implements the court mandate set forth by the court in the case of vs				
c. implements a mandate of the people of this State expressed in their approval of Proposition Noat the election.				
d. is issued only in response to a specific request from the which is/are the only local entity(s) affected.				
e. will be fully financed from the authorized by Section of the				

C. FISCAL EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDING OF STATE PROGRAMS (Indicate appropriate boxes 1 through 4 and attach calculations and assumptions of fiscal impact for the current year and two subsequent years.)

O SERVICE DE LA COMPANION DE L	1. Additional expenditures of approximately \$ in the current State Fiscal Year.		
	2. Savings of approximately \$ in the current State Fiscal Year.		
3. No fiscal impact exists because this regulation does not affect any federally funded State agency or program.			
4. Other. No additional costs or savings because this regulation makes only technical, non-substantive or clarifying changes to current law and regulations.			
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^{1.} The signature attests that the agency has completed the STD 399 according to the instructions in SAM sections 6600-6680, and understands the impacts of the proposed rulemaking. State boards, offices, or departments not under an Agency Secretary must have the form signed by the highest ranking official in the organization.

^{2.} Finance approval and signature is required when SAM sections 6050-6057 require completion of the Fiscal Impact Statement in the STD 399. However, Finance must immediately receive a copy of each STD 399 submitted to OAL without Finance signature and Finance may subsequently question the "no fiscal impact" finding of a state agency.